

## Editorial

### Here We are Again.

After a week's rest The REPUBLICAN is again before you, and we hope it may visit you regularly hereafter. The editor is not able to do any of the mechanical part of the work yet, so all we can promise is the best we can do under the circumstances, and can guarantee you, anyway, the best paper published in Morgan County. We ask your help.

#### Who Was to Blame?

On Tuesday, August 19th, 1913, Mr. H. E. Meeker, Secy. Bunceton Fair, Bunceton, Mo., mailed The Republican, Versailles, Mo., an order for advertisement for the fair, with check and complimentary ticket enclosed, but we did not receive it until Friday morning, August 22nd, 1913, too late to save the check, which we regretfully returned. Now, who was to blame for such a holdup? It is between the Bunceton P. M., the train mail clerk, or the Versailles P. M. While the amount was small, it might have been serious, but we hope it was not done intentionally.

After the anklets and six inch slit comes the kneelets and a slit so high, and the next pull will be the hiplets—a blaze of diamonds and pearls—and a slit high enough to show it. Oh, Cleopatra.

Now get your plans ready for next year's work, for a bumper crop and a big business, they are in the air already.

The drouth still continues with us, and the question of water for stock and domestic use is getting to be a serious question. Not much show for anything better before the middle of the month, and that will soon be here.

#### Why Congress?

Somebody claims to have discovered a fuzless peach. Now who has been calling for a fuzless peach, and why? If you give that class of folks, if there are such, a fuzless peach they will next be demanding a skinless apple and a shuckless roasting ear. Swat 'em.

It seemed as if everything happened last week just because there was no REPUBLICAN. We will gather up the ends and start anew. If you know anything let us know, and we will let the other folks know.

It would be a right peart speculation if some of our business men would bring on a supply of small wheelbarrows for the scholars to use in getting their books and other paraphernalia to school and back, else they will be round-shouldered as their granddads ere the term is out.

The last legislature, Democratic, appropriated \$30,000 for confederate pensioners at the rate of \$10.00 per month for two years. The applications already number 1100, which will require \$264,000 every two years, and we suppose the matter will be corrected and adjusted at the next term.

An extra passenger train on the Rock Island, Eldon to Kansas City, is talked of, and if put on will pass Versailles at 5:30 a. m., and reach here from Kansas City at 9:15 a. m. This would be mighty convenient for the folks who do their visiting and trading at Kansas City.

#### Would Abolish Fee System.

Columbia, Mo., August 29.—James E. Boggs, president of the Circuit Clerks' Association, said tonight an effort will be made by the association to get the next legislature to put all county officials on a salary basis and do away with fee offices, as has already been done in the case of prosecuting attorneys.

The county recorders of the state will no doubt be up in arms to oppose the plan, as they are the best paid officers in the Missouri counties. They are allowed \$4000 of the fees collected each year, and under the salary plan they probably would not receive more than \$2000 or \$2500 per annum. County and circuit clerks are allowed \$2000 of the fees they collect and \$1750 for deputy hire. The county collectors are allowed 2 percent of their collections.—Globe Democrat.

#### State Fair Boys.

An examination will be held at the public school building, Versailles, Mo., Saturday, Sept., 13, 1913, for the boys of Morgan county who desire to represent our county at the State Fair School.

M. WRAY WITTEN,  
Supt. Morgan Co.

The Missouri State Fair Directors have decided to have a Boys' State Fair school composed of one boy from each county in the state. The boys of this school shall be cared for in Sedalia and be the guests of the Fair. Their selections in the various counties shall be according to rules prescribed by the following committee: Wm. P. Evans, Chairman; John T. Stinson, Secretary; W. A. Dallmeyer, P. B. Mumford. The committee prescribes the following preliminary rules:

1. George W. Reavis, Jefferson City, is appointed manager of the Boys State Fair School.
2. The county superintendent of schools and one other to be chosen by the committee shall have charge of the contest in each county to determine the county representative.
3. The contest will be open to boys who shall on October 1, 1913, be between 12 and 17 years of age, and shall be based one-half on elementary school subjects and one half on agriculture according to rules to be announced by the committee.
4. The representative selected under these rules shall have no claim on the Fair for their expenses in going to the Fair and returning from it, but it shall be the duty of the Fair to provide free entertainment, instruction and supervision during the Fair. Failure on part of any county representative to comply with the camp requirements shall be ground for expulsion and cancel any obligation of the fair.
5. The boys of the B. S. F. S. shall give one-half of their time during the Fair to such duties as the committee shall prescribe. The other part of their time shall be devoted to study of the exhibits under expert direction.
6. An examination will be conducted in each county between September 1st and 15th, 1913, to determine the county representative. The grades in this examination shall be based one fourth on each of the following:

- (a) An essay of 250 to 300 words on "Corn Growing."
  - (b) Five questions in Elementary Agriculture.
  - (c) Five questions in Arithmetic.
  - (d) Five questions in Geography.
- Questions in the last three subjects will be furnished by State Manager.

This is the first attempt of the kind in this state and it is to be hoped that the county superintendents will urge the boys of their respective counties to enter this contest. The successful boy will have an opportunity to enjoy the Fair and receive valuable instruction, with only the cost of transportation. While at the Fair the boys will be in charge of competent supervisors and no parent need have any fear about their safety. Every effort will be made by the Board of Agriculture to make this Boys' School a pleasant and profitable occasion.

For further information address

Supt. Wm. P. Evans, Chairman, or Geo. W. Reavis, Manager, Jefferson City, Mo.

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#### Bird Life in Versailles.

It is certainly true that there has not been an excess of bird life in Versailles within the past two years, including the English sparrow. Up to about three years ago the bird music of McNair Heights was one of its most pleasant features; now, alas! it is almost completely silenced. The dogs and cats, natural enemies, have caught their share, but the great damage has been done by the small boy with the air gun, the cat rifle, sling shots, stones and the old shot gun. With the birds and their music gone, and this long hot spell, it doesn't seem as if life is worth living.

#### Good Roads.

The Governor's good roads movement was a success in Morgan county, owing principally to the hustling done by the Highway Board, Messrs. Crewson, Norfleet and Hargett, in waking up an interest and getting the folks ready, and in this they were ably seconded by a majority of the road overseers. It is estimated there was 1400 days' work done, worth \$2,000, a good start. Now keep the good work going until every road in Morgan County is a good road.

#### Doings of The Town Board.

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session Monday night; present, Mayor Kelly, Aldermen White, Yarnell and Hardy; absent, Jacobs.

Report of C. G. Sullens, city marshal, for month of August read and approved.

Report of John McClanahan, city collector, for month of August read and approved.

Financial report of T. P. Bond, city treasurer, January 1st, to July 1st, 1913, presented and same handed to the auditing committee for its approval.

Accounts allowed as follows:  
Corner Drug Store Co., light plant supplies \$10 19  
Versailles Fire Brick & Clay

Mfg. Co., street supplies, 40 50  
Waters-Pierce Oil Co., supplies for light plant 10 33  
Wm. Shofner, labor for City 2 50  
M. L. Joachimi, supplies " 2 35  
Board adjourned to meet September 15th, at 7:30 p. m.

#### COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The Morgan county court met last Tuesday morning in adjourned term. Following are the proceedings:  
Partial settlement of J. W. Berkey, overseer road district 7. Warrant for \$50 issued to Berkey.  
Accounts were presented and allowed as follows:

Welch Mfg. Co., supplies furnished Co. Supt. of Schools \$37 00  
Dickey Mfg. Co., tiling for county use 94 15  
J. C. Mefford, boarding jurors 3 25  
Republican, printing 1 50  
G. H. Hubbard, coal 32 00  
Thruston Hawks and Wm. Lutman, text books commissioners, each 5 00  
Mo. Pacific, freight 37 10  
Abell & Hardy 12 27  
Kardell Drug Co 10 45  
Price & Lutz 1 70  
W. J. Williams, sheriff 18 05  
J. J. Jones, circuit clerk 2 35  
Harry McDonald and W. R. Stevenson, services merchants board of equalization, each 5 00  
L. O. Williams, mdse furnished Mollie Harrie 4 00  
Henry Dohrman and J. E. Scrivner, exempt from paying poll tax for life.

Cost bill State vs. Clayton Rogers allowed in sum of \$16.20.  
Warrants issued to poor persons as follows: Frank Golden, \$10; Betsey Thruston \$5.00.  
Account of Dr. B. F. Bowline, county physician, allowed in sum of \$49.75.

Account of W. J. Williams, allowed in the sum of \$73.65, for services as sheriff.

The following order was made by the court: "It is hereby ordered by the court that when any person or persons apply to be treated by the county physician, they shall first get an order from the county court, or from the clerk of said court, before being treated by said county physician."

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No. 39, Through Express, 2:06 p. m. EAST BOUND DEPARTS

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No. 24, Daily, Local—St. Louis intermediate points and all points east, 11:50 a. m.

No. 40, Through Express, 1:11 p. m. For sleeping car reservations, tickets, etc. apply to any Rock Island ticket agent.

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